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2005 Lyceum Series Celebrates 90th Anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park

The theme of the Spring 2005 Lyceum is **Facing the Future, Preserving the Past: Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park**. Speakers will present topics covering the changing uses, views, and management challenges 90 years have brought to the park. The Lyceum schedule runs from January 29 to May 14, 2005. The 16 program nights are divided into 4 chronological areas of focus: ***"Prehistory/Early Peoples"*** talks are slated Jan. 29-Feb. 19, ***"Early Estes Park/Regional History"*** talks run Feb. 26-March 19, ***"Birth of the National Park"*** talks run March 26-April 16, and ***"Today's Challenges"*** talks are April 23-May 14. All programs are on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center Auditorium. Programs are free and open to the public.

The Birth of the National Park Idea

Saturday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. The Works of Enos Mills Live On

Enos Mills is known as the father of Rocky Mountain National Park. Join us for this special presentation by his daughter, Enda Mills Kiley. She will introduce us to Enos Mills the scientist, the people person, the nature guide and the advocate to save wild life and wild lands. She will recap the events surrounding his efforts to establish Rocky Mountain National Park and his other achievements.

Saturday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. History of the Fisheries of the Estes Valley and Rocky Mountain National Park

There is a fascinating and varied history of the management of fisheries in the Estes Valley from the time the Estes family lived in the area through the formation of Rocky Mountain National Park. Chris Kennedy, a Biological Science Technician with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has been involved with the monitoring and management of the fisheries of RMNP since 1998. This evening, he will present a timeline covering utilization of fish by early residents, fish over-exploitation, the building and operation of the Estes Park Fish Hatchery, fish stocking, use of fishing as a draw for tourists, and the decline and restoration of native trout species.

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EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Saturday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. Stories of Dorr Yeager, a.k.a. Bob Flame

"Bob Flame, Ranger" has a special place in speaker Pat Washburn's heart, since he is a composite of her father, Dorr Yeager, and her godfather, John Maclaughlin. Her father was the first interpretive naturalist ranger in Rocky Mountain National Park and served while Maclaughlin, or "Johnny Mac" as he was known, was the Chief Ranger. Yeager's wonderful Bob Flame books told the adventures of a ranger, some of which were actual events here at Rocky. Join us for a great night of tales of ranger days of yore!

Saturday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. Rocky's Lodges: Then and Now

Ever wonder what it would have been like to stay at Rocky Mountain National Park in its early days? Learn about the lodges in Rocky Mountain National Park through a first-person characterization and present-day perspectives. Experience life at several of Rocky's lodges in the 1920's as park visitor Sarah Purdy shares photos from her album and her memories of staying at the Moraine Lodge, the Horseshoe Inn, and Fall River Lodge. We will also learn what happened to the lodges.

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